

Last night Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid was unable to come up with the necessary votes in order to pass the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for 2009. Why you ask? Earmarks and oversized spending.

Senator Reid, who has 58 Senators on his side of the aisle, was unable to garner the necessary votes in order to cut off debate, in fact was unable to sway the coax enough Republican support for the bill, and actually saw a few from his side of the aisle switch sides. Needless to say this is major victory for fiscal responsibility.

So what happens next? Today the House and Senate will pass a Continuing Resolution to fund the government at its current levels. Then next week Congress will likely be debating this bill once again.

Either way, President Obama should veto this bill unless the nearly 9,000 earmarks are taken out. It's time for President Obama to exercise the fiscal discipline we so commonly hear him talk about.